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FRONT LIGHT, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY

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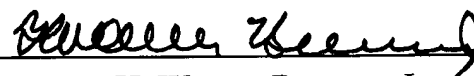
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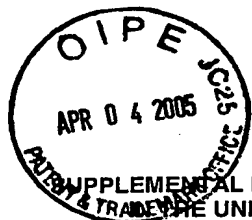
Attached hereto is a Supplemental Declaration for the above-referenced application which accurately lists all amendments made in the above-referenced application. It is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Declaration be made of record in this application and replace the original Declaration filed on May 24, 2001.

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**LIGHTING ELEMENT FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY**

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

- ☐ is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on May 24, 2001 as U.S. Application Serial No. 09/856,657 (Atty. Dkt. No. 1035-324)  
☒ was filed as PCT International application No. PCT/JP99/06548 on 24 November 1999  
☒ and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended April 25, 2000, August 11, 2000, May 24, 2001, March 27, 2003, August 7, 2003, January 30, 2004, August 16, 2004 and November 17, 2004

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Priority Foreign Application(s)	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
Application Number 10-337456	JP	27 November 1998
11-038257	JP	17 February 1999

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Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/06548	24 November 1999	

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby appoint Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., telephone number 703-816-

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